be debated by way of adjournment motion. The Hon'ble Member can draw the attention of the Government and we will do all we can to expedite the publication of these prices, so that there will not be so much delay as is now alleged.

Mr. President: I am not satisfied that this is a matter of such urgent public importance as to justify the adjourment of the very important business of this House. The Hon'ble Member has I think achieved his object by bringing the matter to the notice of the Government and he has heard the representatives of the Government saying that they are on the watch for these changes of prices, will study them and whenever it is considered necessary will afford the relief which the Hon'ble Member asks.

Now Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan has given another notice of his intention to move for adjournment of the Council to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely the grave situation that has arisen because of the control measures regarding the tapioca grown in the State I shall be glad if the Hon'ble Member will show me how this is a matter of public importance and of recent occurrence.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* On the question of recent occurrence Sir, I may submit that tapioca is an article which is lifted in the months of Karkadagam or towards the end of Mithunam generally. The lifting season has started and there is no market for it. It becomes unusable a day or two after the same is lifted. Hence it is urgent. It is of public importance Sir in the view that because of the Food Production Drive by the Hon'ble Minister many persons who were not taking to the cultivation of tapioca have actually taken to cultivation even with borrowed capital. Now the articles are fit to be lifted and sold. It is actually seen in the market too. Beacuse of the control measures which prevent tapioca being taken out of the State or being converted into starch the commodity has necessarily to be undersold. I speak with experience of such underselling. The price fixed by the Government is 8 pies per pound. Even for 5 pies or 4 pies it cannot be sold in the market. And we have no idea of the stock. It is so large. Hence the gravity and importance of the situation. To add to that, subsequent to the tabling of the motion, another matter has come to my notice that Government have got better facilities in the matter of transport. To Government, lorries are supplied for the transport whereas the ordinary cultivator has nothing of the sort. It is only an additional factor that has come to my notice, hence this matter is of public importance and urgent.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is true that there is accumulation of tapioca in some parts of State. I have already submitted proposals to convert a portion of it into sago and flakes or starch under strict Government supervision. I have also submitted proposals to lift the ban restricting the sales to licensed people, and also to remove the restriction for the movement of tapioca within the State. The control that remains is with regard to export. It does not seem safe to allow export generally. But the situation will be watched and we will also see that a portion of the tapioca is converted into sago flakes and starch. But still if there is a large surplus which cannot be absorbed here, the question of export will be considered.

Mr. President: From what the Hon'ble Member has said, the Hon'ble Member who has given notice of his motion will realise that the Government are already alive to the critical situation with regard to tapioca and have taken and are taking such measures as in their opinion are necessary, to meet it. For these reasons I do not consider that it is necessary to adjourn the business of the House.

Condolence Motion on the demise of Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi

Mr. P. V. Rapheal *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It is my melancholy privilege to move the following resolution for the acceptance of the House.

"This House places on record its deep sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi, who had been for some time the Comptroller of Accounts and the Ex.-Officio Finance Member of this House".

Born in August, 1877 Mr. Pisharodi hails from an ancient Pisharom of Kattur. His father Mr. Rama Pisharodi was a Munsiff at Trichur. After passing the Matriculation examination from the Trichur Sirkar High School and completing his F. A. course in the Ernakulam College Mr. Pisharodi joined State service as a clerk in the Huzur Accounts Department. After serving in the Devaswam, Public Works, Forest and Tramway Departments he eventually became the senior auditor of the Comptroller's office. Through the good offices of Mr. Rudolph Grubb sometime Tramway Engineer in the State and under whom Mr. Pisharodi had the good fortune to serve as manager, Mr. Pisharodi secured the post of the Chief Accountant of Mr. Grubb's firm in Dublin, in which capacity he served for 3 years. He utilised this period for attending

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the University College at Dublin and took his B. A. and B. Com degrees. He was an Associate of the Corporation of Registered Accountants and also of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

On his return from England in 1920, Mr. Pisharodi was appointed as the Headmaster of the Government Trades School and subsequently as the Superintendent of Industries. In 1924 he was appointed as the Comptroller of Accounts and Ex. Officio Finance Member of this Council. He was the first Finance Member of this Council. As Comptroller of Accounts he introduced many a reform to organise his department on up-to-date lines. He was also Secretary of the Special Finance Committee constituted by Government to study and report on the State's Finances, especially revision of pay of services, standardisation of public expenditure, augmenting State's resources, etc. Thus after 36 years of distinguished and meritorious service in various capacities ranging from the lowest to some of the most responsible offices in the State, Mr. Pisharodi retired on superannuation in 1107.

After retirement, Mr. Pisharodi avoided public activities or politics; he had no glamour for material embellishments of this world. He had his mind more in the spiritual realms and he led a practically quiet life of meditation for the last 12 years till he suddenly passed away on 20—8—1119. From his boyhood Mr. Pisharodi was an ardent believer in his 'Religion' which was an article of faith with him. Devoutly pious and charitably disposed to all, he performed pilgrimages to Benares and other holy places and founded in Benares a Sathrom for Malayalees—'Thilabhandeswarom'. He went to temple daily and spent his leisure time and almost the entire time after retirement in peaceful meditation reading or listening to religious discourses. He was a kind but exacting master, a genial friend, a deeply charitable benefactor to many a cause and a loyal public servant who has left a good record of official life. He leaves behind him his wife five children, and numberless friends to bemoan his separation.

May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : I rise to associate myself with the sense of grief at the loss of Mr. Pisharody. Mr. Pisharody was one of the very first members of this Council nominated by Government and we were also his colleagues, being elected for the first Council. We had many a tussle inside this House to make the conservative Government of those days, and also the conservative methods, yield to popular control. Mr.Pisharodi often stuck to his guns and would not allow the objection of the House to transfer from one head to another in the Accounts. Somehow or other we struggled, and when he saw the reason he yielded. He also struggled hard to resist popular control as much as possible. I am glad to testify to his open mindedness and he was always open to conviction. Whenever conviction was driven home he yielded to reason. I hope his example will be followed by many officers even to-day. He was a very genial friend helpful to the House in giving privately all kinds of explanations that we wanted. We were also new to the Budget. We had not seen a budget. In our irresponsible manner we used to level criticisms which he exposed to be of no value. We were being called infant Council, we were being called infants and we took objection to it and tabled so many motions regarding infant council and we threw out the budget. He was never stirred. I am glad to hear that he had 12 years of rest and meditation before he passed away from life on this side of the grave. It is given to very few people to have that glory of meditating upon what the future is. After 60 years it was good to have a peaceful spiritual life of 12 years. May his soul rest in peace !

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)* : Permit me, Sir, to join this melancholy note of lamentation in regard to the demise of Mr. Krishna Pisharodi. I deem it a duty and even a privilege to associate myself with the sentiments of grief expressed on this occasion, because I had some personal contact with the lamented gentleman, not in the Council, but he being a chum of my revered uncle. He used to visit my house. Thus I came in personal contact with him. When I approached him and said that I intended to stand for the Trichur election, he gave me very encouraging words. He gave me the photo of my revered uncle and asked me to remember my uncle. Tears I could not withstand; it was such encouraging words that he gave me throughout my fight in the Trichur election. Sir, Mr. Pisharodi is a self made man. From the low pedestals of office he rose to the highest and after his retirement he devoted all his time to religious affairs. I used to tell him, he has paved his way to heaven. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : On behalf of our group I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Members. I very much regret that the House has taker this in a laughing spirit when such a very mournfull topic is being discussed here. It is regretful that a dead man's memory is being treated in such a light mood in this House.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : Certainly not.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I knew Mr. Pisharody when he was the Superintendent of Industries. It was he who started the first Industrial school in the place where I was born and in the constituency which I represent. I was a very young man then and I had personal contact with and admiration for him. Then he spoke to me about the Irish Home rule movement of which he had personal intimate knowledge when he was in Ireland. I knew from him even in those earlier days that he was a sincere believer in his faith and a real sanathanist. You will all be surprised to know that when he returned from England he came with all the good that Western Education can bestow on an Indian and without having any of the evils of the Western Civilisation such as meat eating and other things. In spite of that he performed prayaschithom as he was true to the salt which he ate and very loyal to the people under whom he served. I know him as a man of character, an ideal man to follow, an ideal Departmental Head, though very exacting and very kind to his subordinates. But for him the scale of pay of that Department would not have been revised. He leaves behind him not only his friends or members of his family to mourn his loss; but all the subordinates who have worked under him gratefully remember his name as the person responsible for the revision of salary in the department in which he served.

We must remember the glorious plentiful days of Cochin in those days when he was advisor to the Government on financial affairs. When he retired from public service he retired with a surplus and a revenue to the extent of a crore of rupees by which we were able to construct the Harbour and the Railway and the financial prosperity of this State is greatly or practically due to the fact that Mr. Pisharoti was the Comptroller of Accounts who advised the Government in questions of Finance in those days. Even after retirement he tried to do some work other than the religious devotions with which he was more closely connected. He started a sort of firm for taking up the management of estates which realy was needed, something like a court of wards affair. I had some dealings with him in that connection in the case of a minor who was practically an orphan. Later on this company was not practically patronised by several others because our State was far behind the western countries for taking up such management and popularising such management trusts. I myself through the persuasion of Mr. Pisharoti became one of the promoters of the company and later on when Mr. Pisharoti could not find any encouragement in such practically quasi benevolent concern he himself dropped the scheme and I think it was liquidated later. The latter part of his life was spent in complete devotion. May his soul rest in peace and may his example be followed by all the departmental heads in the State so that they may leave behind them when they pass away grateful subordinates to pray for their souls in the next world.

The motion was unanimously passed all standing

General Discussion on the Budget

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Mr. President, Sir, I heartily congratulate the Government on the lucky dip they had in certain sources of income—Abkari and Ganja, Registration, Railway and Anchal. They have been able to show a surplus of sixteen and odd lakhs after as is usual, overestimating the expenditure and understimating the income. It is gratifying to note that they have expressed that the surplus would be utilised on projects which are very very helpful for the advancement of the the State and which are waiting very long to be handled. If they had added to the list of schemes the Poringalkuth Electric Scheme also we would have made a good start towards postwar reforms. Yesterday the Diwan said in his speech that there is an idea to connect Kollengode with Trichur. I am extremely sorry that the Diwan has left out Chittur which deserves to be connected with Trichur. He said: "It is only about 40 miles from Kollengode to Trichur;" Sir, It is only seven miles to Chittur. If you had connected it before there would not have been this difficulty to transport paddy from Chittur. He also said that the work will be taken up as soon as materials become available after the war. But we don't know whether we will be there. Therefore I request the Diwan to have a strong note that the railway should be from Trichur to Chittur via Kollendgodi. In the speech of the Hon'ble Minister he had harped on the slogan "Food, more food, still more food". In every page you will find that he had said something about that. I should think that if he had kept that in view and done something to make it possible for the people to make food and more food I am sure that he would not have felt such difficulty in making food.

Coming now tlo Panchayats, it is said that the Panchayats were given more power and they have done very were. I am extremly sorry to say that the Panchayat is not working very well. The Panchayats are asked to look after sanitation, lighting and communication. The administration is miserable. In the matter of sanitation there is nobody except in name to supervise

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